

Seattle Freight Advisory Board

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**Seattle Freight Advisory Board Meeting Minutes** 

**Date and Time:** April 18, 2017 **Location:** Seattle City Hall, L280

**Members Present:** Hal Cooper Jr., Geri Poor, Timothy Hillis, Frank Rose, Pat Cohn, Dan McKisson, Johan Hellman, Jeanne Acutanza, Mike Elliott, Kristal Fiser

**Guests Present:** Warren Aakervik

1. Welcome and Introductions

Board members and other attendees introduced themselves

- 2. Public Comment
- 3. Approval of Minutes
- 4. Announcements & Chair's Report

5. Freight Master Plan – Implementation Plan, Crystal Donner - Perteet

Crystal Donner of Perteet led the discussion and briefing regarding the Implementation Plan portion of the Freight Master Plan. A change that was made since last meeting is that qualitative criteria was changed to opportunity criteria, which is the same criteria used in the Freight Master Plan; however, the opportunity criteria has more detail. At the next meeting, Crystal is planning on returning with recommendations regarding all of the projects.

#### **Other Topics Discussed:**

Source(s) for funding

#### Questions/Comments from the Board:

- It would be beneficial to look at the risk or urgency or the potential of growth as a problem
- We all understand that we must share the street network, but a
  lot of times when we talk about multi-modal treatments on the
  freight network, it means that there is a reduction in freight
  capacity
- The definition of freight seems to be focused on trucks; however, freight moves in multiple modes

The Seattle Freight
Advisory Board shall
advise the City Council,
the Mayor, and all
departments and offices
of the City in
development of a
functional and efficient
freight system and on all
matters related to freight
and the impact that
actions by the City may
have upon the freight
environment.

City Council Resolution 31243



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### 6. Georgetown Mobility Study, Diane Wiatr - SDOT

Diane Wiatr of SDOT led the discussion on the Georgetown Mobility Study. Georgetown serves both as a community and neighborhood; however, it is mostly recognized as a neighborhood attractor. There are a number of great restaurants along Airport Way as well as a number of arts events in the area that attract people from all over the region. The neighborhood area is surrounded by freight routes, and one of the fundamental project goals is to consider safety; especially when there is a heavy amount of pedestrian movement with little separation between the pedestrians and freight trucks. Additionally, the study seeks to find optimal solutions to have safe transportation for all.

#### **Other Topics Discussed:**

- Health concerns
- Homeless population

#### Question/Comments from the Board:

- Do you happen to know why the homeless encampment was put in Georgetown instead of South Park where all the services are?
  - Yes, because this is adjacent to the fire station and so there is both the element of enforcement and because the city owned vacant space at that location.
- Who is the Duwamish Action Team?
  - The Duwamish Valley Action Team is a city initiative that is a mayor's initiative. The goal is to bring together South Park and Georgetown because they have been traditionally underserved communities.

#### 7. SharePoint Site Introduciton

Chris Eaves of SDOT led the discussion regarding the new SharePoint Site. During the January retreat, board members discussed how to disseminate information more quickly and to have discussions among board members in a more efficient manner. A SharePoint site was created, which functions as a calendar and a place to have discussions among the board members.

#### 8. General Discussions and Updates, Board Members

The Colman Dock presentation has been rescheduled for either May or June. There is growing concern that freight will be unable to use the waterfront. In relation to Georgetown, Union Pacific has several crossings that need to be updated.



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## 9. May's Agenda, Chris Eaves – SDOT

Colman Dock?
Final Freight Master Plan Implementation Plan
East Marginal Way Corridor Improvement
Dave Gehring

## 10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM